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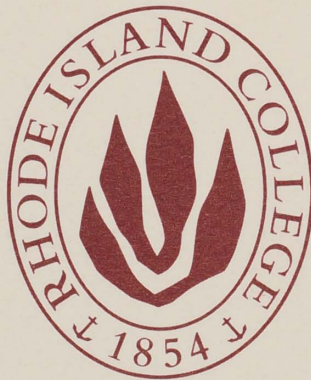
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CAP AND GOWN
CONVOCATION

SPRING 2012



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Wednesday, the second of May
Two thousand twelve
12:30 p.m.
Auditorium, Roberts Hall
Rhode Island College

CAP AND GOWN CONVOCATION

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance No.1...Edward Elgar
Royal Fireworks Music...Georg Friedrich Handel
Marching Song...Gustav Holst

The National Anthem

Kaitlyn L. Braman	Christina K. Cotter	Krystle K. Poirier
Samuel W. Brunner	Corey Adam Mulvey	Matthew M. Quinn
Derek R. Capobianco	Dana B. Patton	Danielle M. Trial

Greetings

Nancy Carriuolo
President of the College
Michael W. Kennedy
Class of 2012

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Gary M. Penfield
Vice President for Student Affairs

Departmental Awards

Ronald E. Pitt
Vice President for Academic Affairs
assisted by Chairs of Presenting Departments

Cap and Gown Investiture

Nancy Carriuolo

Address

Anthony Galvez
Assistant Professor, Communication
Introduced by
Robert H. Roy

Senior Class Gift

Class Officers

Alma Mater

(Audience will please stand)

Recessional

Water Music...Georg Friedrich Handel

March from Second Suite in F...Gustav Holst

Grand March...Giuseppe Verdi

Bearer of the Del Sesto Mace

Jeffrey P. Blais

Chair, Council of Rhode Island College

Musical Selections

Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble

Robert H. Franzblau, Conductor

CLASS OFFICERS

Robert H. Roy, *President*

Michael A. Simeone, *Vice President*

Alysha E. Stephens, *Secretary*

Téylyr A. Terrio, *Treasurer*

MARSHALS AND USHERS

*The Commencement Office deeply appreciates the
assistance of faculty, staff, and alumni volunteers
who are serving as marshals and ushers for today's ceremony.*

2012 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS

Outstanding Student Awards

Accounting and Computer Information
Systems

Edgar D. Carrera (Accounting)

*George Xiong (Computer Information
Systems)*

James Houston Award in Anthropology

Anthropology

James E. Almo, Jr.

Mary Ball Howkins Art History Award

Art

Justina Martino

Studio Art Award

Art

Kathryn E. Ide

W. Christina Carlson Award

Biology

Bonnie J. Colantuono

Theodore Lemeshka Award

Biology

Xenia C. Fernandez

Eleanor M. McMahon Award

College Honors Program

Xenia C. Fernandez

Communication Achievement Awards

Communication

Richard E. Enos (Mass Media)

Eliza Rose Stopa (Public and Professional)

Scott J. Houle (Public Relations)

*Michaela M. Del Gallo (Speech, Language,
and Hearing Science)*

Outstanding Student Award

Economics and Finance

Benjamin F. Coco

Mary Alice Grellner Educational

Studies Senior Award

Educational Studies

Luke P. Diez

Kristina Drocic

Katherine Murray Prize

Educational Studies

Evan F. Lancia

Yenifer M. Martinez

Elementary Education Award

Elementary Education

Brian O. Parmentier

Jean Garrigue Award

English

Luis A. Chavez

Rose Butler Browne Award

Rhode Island College Foundation

Miriama N. Kurbally

Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Outstanding Achievement)

Rhode Island College Foundation

Malinda Bridges

Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Scholastic Excellence)

Rhode Island College Foundation

Megan D. Machado

Health and Physical Education Award

Health and Physical Education

Stuart A. Moran

Claiborne deB. Pell Award

History

Steven T. Prochet

Evelyn Walsh Prize

History

Rachel C. Riley

John E. Hetherman Award

Intercollegiate Athletics

Kyle T. Allaire

Helen M. Murphy Award

Intercollegiate Athletics

Rachel C. Riley

Bourget Student Athlete Award

Intercollegiate Athletics

Kyle T. Allaire

Cynthia M. Gaudet

John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award

Management and Marketing

Anthony R. Faria (Management)

Outstanding Student Award

Management and Marketing

Kathryn C. Chase (Marketing)

2012 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS

Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award

Mathematics and Computer Science

Jason D. McFarland

Jason A. Gaudreau

Christopher R. Mitchell Award

Mathematics and Computer Science

Kyle T. Allaire

Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award

Modern Languages

Kevin M. Gravier (Spanish)

Prémio Em Estudos Portugueses Award

Modern Languages

Loureana R. Soares

Tegu Polygot Award

Modern Languages

Loureana R. Soares

Peter Jeffrey Archambault Memorial Award

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Christine F. Redihan

Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Kaitlyn L. Braman

Alice K. Pellegrino Music Education Award

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Matthew M. Quinn

Rhode Island College Theatre Award

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Derek R. Capobianco

Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Courtney L. Asselin

Nursing Award

Nursing

Lauren M. Cook (Academic Excellence)

Alexandra L. Smith (Service Excellence)

Linda R. Chiovitti (Registered Nurse)

Thomas J. Howell Award

Philosophy

Adam Corsair

American Institute of Chemists Award

Physical Sciences

Angela C. Jacavone

Ronald J. Boruch Award

Physical Sciences

Angela E. Gargano

Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic

Excellence in Political Science

Political Science

Daniel Hopkins

Victoria Lederberg Psychology Award

Psychology

Jason A. Lennox

Bachelor of Social Work

Community Service Award

Bachelor of Social Work Department

Casey E. Lumb

Anthony E. Ricci Social Work

Practice Award

Bachelor of Social Work Department

Scarlett L. Carreiro

Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies

Sociology

Malinda Bridges

Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology

Sociology

Kayla M. Quadros

Elisa F. Bonaventura Award

Special Education

Casey M. McIntyre

Josephine A. Stillings Award

Special Education

Desiree M. Favreau

Women's Studies Award for Scholarship and Activism

Women's Studies

Kayla E. David

Women's Studies Award for Scholarship and Service

Women's Studies

John A. Brackett

Katherine Marie Wilson

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS
Accounting and Computer Information Systems
Jane E. Przybyla, Chair

These cash awards are given annually by the Department of Accounting and Computer Information Systems to seniors in accounting and computer information systems who have the highest grade point averages. Funds are from the dean's discretionary fund.

JAMES HOUSTON AWARD IN ANTHROPOLOGY
Department of Anthropology
E. Pierre Morenon, Chair

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior majoring in anthropology who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and who has had significant involvement in the department and the concerns of the discipline. This award is made possible by contributions from the faculty of the Department of Anthropology and by a generous gift from Alice and James Houston, whose interests in researching, recording, and teaching about the cultures and habitats of native America have been a constant inspiration.

MARY BALL HOWKINS ART HISTORY AWARD
Department of Art
William G. Martin, Chair

The Art History Award was renamed in 2012 in honor of Dr. Mary Ball Howkins, who taught for 37 years with outstanding commitment and high standards in the Art Department. Celebrating achievement in art history, this award goes to a senior student whose work exhibits the highest degree of excellence, including oral and written forms of presentation. To be eligible, a student must have attained an overall grade point average of at least 3.33 and 3.67 in art history courses. Art history faculty base their selection on class work and research as well as academic achievement.

STUDIO ART AWARD
Department of Art
William G. Martin, Chair

This award for excellence in studio art is made annually to a senior student. It is a competitive award for which eligible graduating seniors present their work to a faculty jury appointed by the Department of Art chair.

W. CHRISTINA CARLSON AWARD
Department of Biology
Eric S. Hall, Chair

The W. Christina Carlson Fund was established by friends and colleagues in memory of Chris Carlson, who taught biology at Rhode Island College from 1925 (prior to her graduation) until 1954 when she became the institution's registrar. Her principal interest was botany, but she was knowledgeable and taught successfully in all areas of biology. The recipient of this award must be a biology major who has demonstrated exceptional potential for research in the biological sciences.

THEODORE LEMESHKA AWARD

Department of Biology

Eric S. Hall, Chair

As a faculty member, Theodore Lemeshka won high esteem and admiration from faculty, staff, and especially students during his twenty years of service to Rhode Island College. Ted came to the college in 1956 to teach biology and initiated courses in microbiology in 1960. The Theodore Lemeshka Award is given annually in his memory to a graduating senior biology major. The recipient must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all courses taken at the college and must have a minimum of 3.5 in the following Rhode Island College courses: Chemistry 103 (General Chemistry I), Chemistry 104 (General II) Biology 231 (Human Anatomy), Biology 335 (Human Physiology), and Biology 348 (Microbiology).

ELEANOR M. McMAHON AWARD

College Honors Program

Spencer Hall, Director

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award was established in February 1982 by the late President David E. Sweet and the executive officers of Rhode Island College as a farewell gift to the late Eleanor McMahon on the occasion of her appointment as the first commissioner of higher education in Rhode Island. This award is presented to a graduating senior in the College Honors Program on the basis of overall scholastic achievement and the quality of the senior honors project.

COMMUNICATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Department of Communication

Eung-Jun Min, Chair

This award is made possible through the generosity of the Department of Communication alumni and is presented to graduating seniors who have demonstrated achievement in scholarship and have contributed significantly to the department through service or performance. The award is given each year in each of the concentrations offered by the department.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Department of Economics and Finance

Abbas A. Kazemi, Chair

This award is provided annually to a graduating senior by the faculty of the Department of Economics and Finance. The award is granted on the basis of the student's overall scholastic achievements and service to the department, the college, and the community.

MARY ALICE GRELLNER EDUCATIONAL STUDIES SENIOR AWARD

Department of Educational Studies

Ellen Bigler, Chair

Established as the Educational Studies Award in 1997, the award was fully endowed in 2006 by Mary Alice Grellner, professor emerita of English and secondary education. The award is given annually to a graduating senior who demonstrates academic success and concrete evidence of his or her commitment to teaching.

KATHERINE MURRAY PRIZE
Department of Educational Studies
Ellen Bigler, Chair

This award was established to honor the memory of Katherine Murray who taught for many years in the Department of Secondary Education and in the Department of Anthropology. The award was endowed by her husband, David Thomas and son, John-David Thomas. The purpose of the award is to honor a student who embodies qualities and values Katherine Murray sought to foster in her teacher education students: excellence in preparatory teaching, commitment to the profession of teaching, a strong academic record, an emphasis on interdisciplinary preparation beyond general education, strong commitment to the advancement of intercultural understanding, and an active commitment to promoting greater equity in society.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AWARD
Department of Elementary Education
Patricia A. Cordeiro, Chair

This award is given to a graduating senior who exemplifies enthusiasm for learning and dedication to teaching and who has demonstrated leadership. The recipient of the award shall also be articulate and have a strong academic record in all courses taken at the college. This award is funded by members of the Department of Elementary Education and includes a gift in memory of Doris Hackett Lusardi.

JEAN GARRIGUE AWARD
Department of English
Maureen T. Reddy, Chair

The Jean Garrigue Award is presented each year by the Department of English to a graduating senior who is majoring in English and who has excelled in the area of creative writing. The award is named in honor of Jean Garrigue, the distinguished American poet, who was a visiting professor of English at Rhode Island College in 1972, the year of her death.

MARK W. ESTRIN FILM STUDIES AWARD
Film Studies Program
Bonnie L. MacDonald, Director

The Film Studies Faculty Award was renamed in 2004 in honor of Mark W. Estrin, who founded the Film Studies Program in 1976 and served as its first director from 1976 to 1993. The award recognizes Dr. Estrin as a gifted teacher, an outstanding scholar, and a leading figure in the field of film studies. The award is presented annually to a graduating senior majoring in film studies who, in the judgment of the program's faculty, has demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement and unusual promise in the discipline.

ROSE BUTLER BROWNE AWARD
Rhode Island College Foundation
John J. Smith Jr., President

This award will be given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated leadership potential through effective, current performance in a leadership role and through recognition of leadership skills by their peers or supervisors. Most importantly, recipients are expected to have a commitment to develop their leadership potential.

BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE)

Rhode Island College Foundation

John J. Smith Jr., President

This endowed award was established in honor of Bertha Christina Andrews Emin, a 1912 graduate of Rhode Island State Normal School, who devoted her life to contributing to the schools and community of Smithfield, Rhode Island. The award is presented to a resident of Smithfield who has the highest grade point average at the end of the seventh semester and who is scheduled to graduate in May.

BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT)

Rhode Island College Foundation

John J. Smith Jr., President

This second award in honor of Mrs. Emin is given to a woman member of the May graduating class who has distinguished herself by attaining an honors baccalaureate and by active leadership in student affairs.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

Department of Health and Physical Education

Betty J. Rauhe, Chair

Presented annually by the faculty of the Department of Health and Physical Education, this award recognizes a graduating senior in health and/or physical education who has distinguished him/herself through outstanding academic achievement, professional accomplishments, and service.

CLAIBORNE DEB. PELL AWARD

Department of History

Robert Cvornyek, Chair

This award is made possible through the generosity of Senator Claiborne Pell and recognizes excellence in the study of U.S. history. The award consists of a gold medal and a certificate attesting to the high achievement of the recipient.

EVELYN WALSH PRIZE

Department of History

Robert Cvornyek, Chair

The Evelyn Walsh Prize is given in memory of Evelyn Walsh, who retired in 1978 as a faculty member of the Department of History, after 21 years of service to the college. The prize consists of a certificate and a cash award in recognition of both academic excellence and, particularly, the contribution that the recipient has made to the life and work of the department.

JOHN E. HETHERMAN AWARD

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

Donald E. Tencher, Director

This endowed award was established as a memorial to the late John E. Hetherman, class of 1940, who was killed in action during World War II. The award is presented to a male graduating senior in recognition of his scholastic success and his achievements as an athlete, gentleman, and participant in campus activities.

HELEN M. MURPHY AWARD
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
Donald E. Tencher, Director

This endowed award was established in honor of Helen M. Murphy, class of 1939, who was a distinguished faculty member at the Henry Barnard School. The award is given to a woman member of the May graduating class in recognition of her scholastic success, as well as her achievements as an athlete and a participant in campus and community activities.

BOURGET STUDENT ATHLETE AWARD
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
Donald E. Tencher, Director

Established in 2011 by Paul Bourget '69 and Denise Bourget, this postgraduate scholarship is awarded to a male and female student athlete. The awards are based upon outstanding scholastic and athletic achievement.

JOHN SILVA MEMORIAL SCHOLASTIC AWARD
Department of Management and Marketing
Michael S. Casey, Chair

Given in memory of John Silva, a bright and talented management student and athlete in the class of 1980 who tragically died shortly before his graduation, this award is presented annually to the senior with a major in management who achieves the highest grade point average.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
Department of Management and Marketing
Michael S. Casey, Chair

This cash award is given annually by the Department of Management and Marketing to a senior who has the highest grade point average in marketing. Funds are from the dean's discretionary fund.

RICHARD A. HOWLAND COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Raimundo M. Kovac, Chair

This award of a significant book, subscription, or professional membership is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding performance in the field of computer science. It is named as a memorial to Richard A. Howland, an inspiring teacher and scholar of both mathematics and computer science.

CHRISTOPHER R. MITCHELL AWARD
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Raimundo M. Kovac, Chair

This award is given each year to the outstanding mathematics major among the graduating class. It is funded by the department faculty and named in honor of Christopher R. Mitchell, who was an esteemed and revered mathematics faculty member known for his excellence in teaching.

NELSON A. GUERTIN MEMORIAL AWARDS
Department of Modern Languages
Olga S. Juzyn, Chair

The Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Awards in French and Spanish were established by the Department of Modern Languages in 1978. Nelson A. Guertin served Rhode Island College as a member of the Department of Modern Languages for thirty-seven years, retiring in 1973. There are two awards, one for French and one for Spanish. The prize recipients have been selected by the faculty of the department on the basis of their academic work and their demonstrated interest in foreign language study.

PRÉMIO EM ESTUDOS PORTUGUESES

Department of Modern Languages

Olga S. Juzyn, Chair

The Prémio em Estudos Portugueses is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in Portuguese Studies. The recipient is recommended by the faculty of Portuguese Studies in the Department of Modern Languages based on excellence in academic achievement, communication skills in the Portuguese language, and knowledge of Lusophone cultures. The cash award and commemorative tray are sponsored by the Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies at Rhode Island College.

TEGU POLYGLOT AWARD

Department of Modern Languages

Olga S. Juzyn, Chair

The Tegu Polyglot Award honors and distinguishes a member of the senior class who has demonstrated outstanding interest and achievement in foreign language study with particular emphasis on oral proficiency. This award is the gift of the late Dr. Steven Tegu, professor emeritus of modern languages, whose life and work were dedicated to the promotion of human understanding through the mastery of languages.

PETER JEFFREY ARCHAMBAULT MEMORIAL AWARD

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance

James L. Taylor Jr., Chair

This award is given in memory of Peter Jeffrey Archambault, who was a Rhode Island College student majoring in communications, but who had a keen interest in theatre. The award is given annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated scholarly achievement as well as creative ability in theatre. The recipient of this award shall also have displayed humanistic concerns.

CANTOR JACOB HOHENEMSER AWARD

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance

James L. Taylor Jr., Chair

Jacob Hohenemser came to Rhode Island as a refugee from Nazi Germany, graduated from Rhode Island College in 1948, and later served as cantor at Temple Emanu-El until his death. Through the generosity of Temple Emanu-El in Providence to the Rhode Island College Foundation, the Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award was established in 1968 and is presented annually to an outstanding graduating student of music.

ALICE K. PELLEGRINO MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance

James L. Taylor Jr., Chair

The fund that supports this award was established in August 1992 by the Henry Barnard School faculty, and was presented on the occasion of Alice Pellegrino's retirement, "in recognition of and respect for her significant contribution to the field of music education." The Alice K. Pellegrino Fund provides an award to a graduating senior in music education who demonstrated outstanding musicianship and excellence in teaching music during the student teaching field experience. Each year, if there is a student who meets the selection criteria, this monetary award is presented during the Cap and Gown Convocation.

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE THEATRE AWARD

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance

James L. Taylor Jr., Chair

This award is presented to a graduating senior chosen by the theatre faculty as having displayed overall achievement in and contribution to the theatre program.

YETTA RAUCH MELCER DANCE AWARD

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance

James L. Taylor Jr., Chair

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has made outstanding contributions to the Rhode Island College Dance Company while an undergraduate at the college. The award was established by the late Fannie Helen Melcer, professor emerita of health and physical education, in memory of her mother, Yetta Melcer, a first generation American who exemplified all parents who foster and sponsor their children's aspirations in the arts.

NURSING AWARDS

School of Nursing

Yolande A. Lockett, Chair

The Nursing Awards are given to graduating seniors, recognizing both generic student nurses and a student registered nurse. The awards are given for excellence in nursing theory and practice and are made on the basis of scholarship, excellence in clinical practice, leadership within the School of Nursing, and service to the college and community.

THOMAS J. HOWELL AWARD

Department of Philosophy

Glenn S. Rawson, Chair

The Philosophy Faculty Award was established in 1977 and renamed in memory of Dr. Thomas Howell in 1996. Each year the award is presented to a student majoring in philosophy who, in the judgment of department faculty members, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the pursuit of philosophical study.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS AWARD

Department of Physical Sciences

Glénisson de Oliveira, Chair

The recipient of this award, given by the American Institute of Chemists, Inc., is a senior majoring in chemistry who has demonstrated scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and character.

RONALD J. BORUCH AWARD

Department of Physical Sciences

Glénisson de Oliveira, Chair

This award, given in memory of Ronald J. Boruch, is presented to a graduating senior majoring in chemistry, physics, or general science who, in the judgment of the faculty, demonstrates outstanding scholarly achievement, leadership, and professional promise.

DEPARTMENTAL PHYSICS AWARD

Department of Physical Sciences

Glénisson de Oliveira, Chair

This award is given annually to the graduating physics student who best combines academic ability with commitment to the discipline. The recipient is selected by the physics faculty.

JOHN H. CHAFEE AWARD

Department of Political Science

Thomas A. Schmeling, Chair

The John H. Chafee Award is presented to a senior who, in the judgment of the political science faculty, has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and superior public and community service. The award is given by Governor Lincoln D. Chafee in the fall.

NORTH PROVIDENCE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AWARD

Department of Political Science

Thomas A. Schmeling, Chair

This award was made possible by the North Providence League of Women Voters. After fourteen years of existence the organization voted to disband its membership. Efforts were made to identify a worthwhile project in which the remaining funds from the chapter's treasury could be invested. Based on the organization's concern for informed political participation, a prize to be awarded by the Department of Political Science of Rhode Island College presented an opportunity to continue the organization's support in this field and to keep its role and mission in the public awareness. The award recognizes an outstanding senior who has majored in political science at Rhode Island College and who is a resident of North Providence. The recipient must have demonstrated academic excellence and should have a history of leadership in school, community, or state affairs.

HERBERT R. WINTER AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Department of Political Science

Thomas A. Schmeling, Chair

The Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science memorializes the career of the late Herbert R. Winter, the first chair of the Department of Political Science and one of Rhode Island College's most gifted and effective teachers. The award is given to the graduating senior in political science with the highest grade point average.

VICTORIA LEDERBERG PSYCHOLOGY AWARD

Department of Psychology

Randi I. Kim, Chair

Presented annually by the faculty of the Department of Psychology, this award recognizes a graduating senior psychology major who has shown distinction him/herself through outstanding academic achievement and accomplishments in related activities and services. This award was renamed in 2004 in memory of Victoria Lederberg, a distinguished colleague who taught in the psychology department from 1968 to 1993. During that time, Dr. Lederberg also earned a law degree and served as a senator and representative in the Rhode Island State legislature. In 1993 Dr. Lederberg became an associate justice of the Rhode Island State Supreme Court, where she gained a reputation for her work ethic and intelligence.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Bachelor of Social Work Department

Scott S. Mueller, Chair

This award is presented to the graduating B.S.W. student who best combines academic excellence and outstanding community service, with emphasis on vulnerable and oppressed populations.

ANTHONY E. RICCI SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE AWARD

Bachelor of Social Work Department

Scott S. Mueller, Chair

Anthony E. Ricci taught in the School of Social Work from 1985 until his death in 1989. He came to the college after a long and accomplished career at the state Department of Human Services and its predecessor, Social and Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Ricci was widely recognized for his sincere commitment to high-quality social work practices. This award is presented to the student who best exemplifies Tony Ricci's dedication to academic excellence and professional social work practice.

MARY ANN HAWKES AWARD IN JUSTICE STUDIES

Department of Sociology

Desiree A. Ciambrone, Chair

This award honors Mary Ann Hawkes, professor emerita of sociology, who directed the minor in criminal justice for many years prior to her retirement and who provided valuable assistance to Rhode Island justice-related agencies. The award is based on academic achievement and involvement in national, regional, or local problems of justice and their solutions.

LAURIS B. WHITMAN AWARD IN SOCIOLOGY

Department of Sociology

Desiree A. Ciambrone, Chair

The Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology was established in 1979 in honor of the first chair of the Department of Sociology who served from 1970 until 1976. It was Dr. Whitman who established the fundamental directions that still guide this department: democratic leadership; a concern for the development of a sound, creative curriculum; and commitment to student participation in departmental affairs. This award is presented annually to a graduating senior in honor of excellence in academic work, especially in sociology, and service to the department, college, and/or community.

ELISA F. BONAVENTURA AWARD

Department of Special Education

Marie A. Lynch, Chair

The Elisa F. Bonaventura Award was established in 1994 in memory of Elisa F. Bonaventura, Ph.D by family, friends, faculty, students, and admirers. A faculty member in the Department of Special Education for thirty years, she was recognized for her passion for teaching, dedication to students, and insight into the needs, abilities, and interests of persons with developmental disabilities. This award is presented to a graduating senior in the field of special education who has made a significant contribution to the education of persons with developmental disabilities from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Dr. Bonaventura's concern for persons of diverse backgrounds represented her understanding of the society that we are today and the one we are always in the process of becoming.

JOSEPHINE A. STILLINGS AWARD

Department of Special Education

Marie A. Lynch, Chair

In her more than fifteen years of service to Rhode Island College, Josephine Stillings was a model for all teachers. She possessed the qualities of an excellent teacher and was a warm human being. This award is presented to a graduating senior (January or May) who has demonstrated outstanding performance in special education student teaching and who has a high grade point average in special education course work.

WOMEN'S STUDIES AWARDS

Women's Studies Program

Leslie Schuster, Director

These awards are supported through the generosity of the Women's Studies Organization and are presented to graduating seniors in the Women's Studies Program. The award for Scholarship and Activism recognizes consistent scholarly excellence and keen ability to inspire teachers and peers through academic innovation, and for turning the core principles of social justice into daily practice, encouraging others to do the same, and courageously speaking truth to power. The award for Scholarship and Service recognizes consistent scholarly excellence and success in modeling the passion and persistence of a true scholar. The award celebrates thoughtful efforts to re-imagine community borders, a fervent desire and inspired work to create inclusive communities, and a bold vision of possibilities.

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS
IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Each year at commencement events across the country, a special group of students is honored through selection for membership in the prestigious *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Since 1934, *Who's Who* has annually bestowed this honor on outstanding students for their scholastic, extracurricular, and community achievements.

With the support of prominent educational institutions throughout the country, the program recognizes and calls attention to those college students who are the reservoir from which our nation draws its leadership.

The following undergraduates have been selected for membership this year:

Jennifer Baldwin	Jessica Ho	Michelle Osei
Angela Bereche	Angela C. Jacavone	Kyla M. Pecchia
Sophath Chum	Rachael L. Johnsen	Robert H. Roy
Lauren R. Costa	Stephanie M. Laorenza	Bitana Saintilma
Michael DeNezzo	Linda Marie Leonard	Sarah Satterlee
Heather Feeney	Lubicristin Lora	Alexandra L. Smith
Xenia C. Fernandez	Casey E. Lumb	Nicholas A. Soltysiak
Eric P. Ferrara	Christopher Roy Margadonna	Erica Lee Tortolani
Chelsea Gibbons	Michelle Martin	Kayla S. Vallone
Nafi Gogbeh	Katelyn O. Mayberry	Timothy R. Valton II
Nathan D. Haley	Jacquelyn Morgan	Julie Ann Vangyzen

ALMA MATER

4 measures of introduction

GRACE E. BIRD

GRACE E. BIRD
HELEN S. LEAVITT

MODERATO



Dear Al - ma Ma - ter wise and kind, To thy fair name shall
When we must leave thy shelt' - ring walls, O - bey - ing du - ty's



e'er be - long our grate - ful prais - es and our love, The trib - ute of our
stern be - hest, our em - blem bright, the Flag of Hope, Our mis - sion man - i -



song. _____ Thou guard - ian of the sa - cred shrine of truth that makes us
fest, _____ Each kin - dles at the al - tar fires the flam - ing torch of



free. We cher - ish thy be - lov - ed fame and pledge our loy - al -
truth, And thus pre - pared, no fear as - sails the daunt - less heart of



ty. Rhode Is - land Col - lege hail to thee! All hail to Al - ma
youth.



Ma - ter! En - shrined thou art with - in the heart of ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter.

REACH. INSPIRE. CONNECT.

